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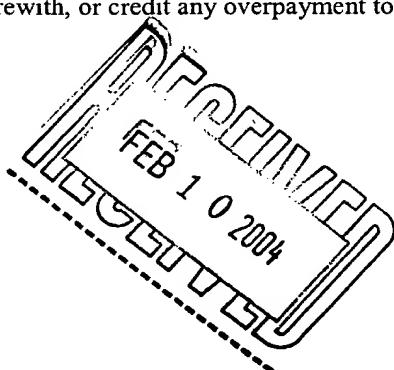
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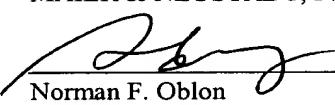
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1. A method for the quantitation of cholesterol  
 2 in high-density lipoprotein, which comprises adding a  
 3 surfactant, which is selected from polyoxyethylene  
 4 alkylene phenyl ethers and polyoxyethylene alkylene  
 5 tribenzylphenyl ethers, and a cholesterol-quantitating  
 6 enzyme reagent to serum; and then measuring a reacted  
 7 quantity of said cholesterol in said high-density  
 8 lipoprotein in a time in which said cholesterol in said  
 9 high-density lipoprotein preferentially reacts with  
 10 said cholesterol-quantitating enzyme reagent.

1. A method for the quantitation of cholesterol  
 2 in high-density lipoprotein, which comprises adding a  
 3 surfactant selected from polyoxyethylene alkylene  
 4 phenyl ethers and polyoxyethylene alkylene tribenzyl-  
 5 phenyl ethers, a substance having effect to inhibit a  
 6 reaction between cholesterol in serum lipoproteins and  
 7 a cholesterol-quantitating enzyme reagent, and said  
 8 cholesterol-quantitating enzyme reagent to serum; and  
 9 then measuring a reacted quantity of said cholesterol  
 10 in said high-density lipoprotein in a time in which  
 11 said cholesterol in said high-density lipoprotein pref-  
 12 erentially reacts with said cholesterol-quantitating  
 13 enzyme reagent.

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Related Pending Application
Related Case Serial No: 101653,424
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1           3. A method according to claim 2, wherein said  
2       substance having effect to inhibit said reaction be-  
3       tween cholesterol in serum lipoproteins and said  
4       cholesterol-quantitating enzyme reagent is a combina-  
5       tion of a surfactant, which does not dissolve  
6       lipoproteins, or a polyanion and a substance capable of  
7       forming divalent metal ions.

1           4. A reagent or reagent kit for the quantitation  
2       of cholesterol in high-density lipoprotein, comprising  
3       the following ingredients (a) and (b):

4           (a) a surfactant selected from polyoxyethylene  
5       alkylene phenyl ethers and polyoxyethylene  
6       alkylene tribenzylphenyl ethers; and  
7           (b) a cholesterol-quantitating enzyme reagent.

1           5. A reagent or reagent kit for the quantitation  
2       of cholesterol in high-density lipoprotein, comprising  
3       the following ingredients (a), (b) and (c):

4           (a) a surfactant selected from polyoxyethylene  
5       alkylene phenyl ethers and polyoxyethylene  
6       alkylene tribenzylphenyl ethers;  
7           (b) a substance having effect to inhibit a reac-  
8       tion between cholesterol in serum  
9       lipoproteins and a cholesterol-quantitating  
10      enzyme reagent; and  
11      (c) said cholesterol-quantitating enzyme reagent.

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ABSTRACT

A method for quantitating HDL cholesterol, comprising adding to serum a surfactant selected from among polyethylene alkylene phenyl ethers and polyoxyethylene alkylene tribenzylphenyl ethers and an enzyme reagent for assaying cholesterol, optionally together with a substance capable of inhibiting the reaction of cholesterol in serum lipoproteins with the above enzyme reagent, and determining the amount of the cholesterol thus reacted within a period of time where cholesterol in HDL, among lipoproteins, preferentially reacts with the above enzyme reagent.

By using this method, cholesterol in HDL can be conveniently and efficiently quantitated without resort to any pretreatment such as centrifugation. Thus, it is applicable to various automatic analyzers.

